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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SARTORE ET AL.

Examiner

Rehana Perveen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 20 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 20 is a duplicate of claim 16. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 3, in lines 1 and 2, recites the limitation 'said electrical disconnection/reconnection'. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dischler et al, patent no. 6,311,287.

6. As to claim 1, Dischler et al teach a peripheral device connected to a host device (figure 1), wherein a speed of the host device is adjusted in response to one or more predetermined conditions (abstract and col. 2 lines 17-37).

7. It is noted that Dischler et al do not expressly teach adjusting the speed of a peripheral device. Dischler et al teach adjusting the speed of a host device. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify teachings of Dischler et al

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to utilize the device speed adjustment technique into a peripheral device since such utilization would have enabled a peripheral device to run at optimal speeds.

8. As to claim 2, Dischler et al teach the device is configured to electrically disconnect (idle state) and reconnect (active state) at the adjusted speed to another device (col. 8 lines 44-56).
9. As to claim 3, Dischler et al teach the electrical disconnection/reconnection comprises re-enumeration of the device (inherent during operating conditions considerations process, col. 2 line 17 - col. 3 line 15 and col. 10 lines 19-21).
10. As to claim 4, It is noted that Dischler et al do not expressly teach the device being a USB device. However, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ the speed adjustment technique to a number of different types of devices (Dischler et al, col. 8 lines 5-11) including a USB device

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since such technique would have enabled the prior art USB devices to run at optimal speeds.

11. As to claim 5, Dischler et al teach the one or more predetermined conditions comprise one or more speed considerations and one or more power considerations (abstract and col. 2 lines 18-38).
12. As to claim 6, Dischler et al teach the device is further configured to determine a required speed of the device (col. 6 lines 31-37).
13. As to claim 7, Dischler et al teach the device is further configured to determine a power conservation of the device (col. 4 line 54 - col. 5 line 4).
14. As to claim 8, Dischler et al teach the device is further configured to switch from a first speed to a second speed in response to the one or more predetermined conditions (col. 6 lines 12-15).

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15. As to claim 9, Dischler et al teach the device is further configured to switch from a first speed to a second speed in response to a user input (col. 6 lines 12-19).
16. As to claim 10, Dischler et al teach means for detecting a current operating speed of a device, and means for changing the operating speed of the device in response to one or more predetermined conditions (abstract and col. 2 lines 18-38).
17. It is noted that Dischler et al do not expressly teach the device being a peripheral device. Dischler et al teach adjusting the speed of a host device. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify teachings of Dischler et al to utilize the device speed adjustment technique into a peripheral device since such utilization would have enabled a peripheral device to run at optimal speeds.
18. Claims 11-20 are directed to the method of system claims 1-10. Dischler et al teach the system as set forth

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in claims 1-10. Therefore, Dischler et al also teach the method as set forth in claims 11-20.

19. Further references of interest are cited on Form PTO-892 which is an attachment to this office action.

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20. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rehana Perveen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-8476. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

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